

Message from the Governor.

The Chair recognized the door-keeper who introduced a messenger from the Governor with the following message:

Executive Department,
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1927.
To the Honorable Fortieth Legislature of the State of Texas:

Gentlemen: Upon an examination of Senate Bill No. 235, I am led to believe that the bill, if it should become a law, would permit a contractor doing the character of work mentioned in the bill under a contract with a county, city or town to take, without cost, marl, gravel, sand, shell or mudshell for use in such work, although the contract with the county, city or town required the contractor to furnish at his own expense such material. I feel certain that such a result was not within the contemplation of the author of the bill, but I believe that the result mentioned is possible under the present wording of the same. If the bill is so amended as to provide against the possibility above mentioned I would have no objection to approving it.

I am reluctant to exercise the veto power and believe it should be sparingly used, and then only when necessary. In its present condition I believe that Senate Bill No. 235 should be vetoed, and accordingly I return it to you for the objections above stated.

Respectfully,
DAN MOODY,
Governor.